



“WeSalute” – Veterans Day Weekend Celebration

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

Saturday, November 8, 2014

Salt River Fields

Thank you, Jerry ... and good afternoon to you all!

It is an absolute honor for me to stand here today ... in the company of so many American patriots and heroes ... as we celebrate the selfless service and invaluable contributions of our nation’s veterans.

I would like to take a moment to recognize just a few of the individuals and organizations that made this day possible ... and so very special.

- Tom Eisminger, Chairman of WeSalute ...**
- Jerry Ianacci, CEO of Operation American Patriot... and...**
- David Van Sleet, GM of the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team.**

And of course, it's always a pleasure to see my friend ... an outstanding Arizona veteran and public servant ... Senator John McCain.

Thank you for ALL you do to serve those ... who have served US.

From the veterans who fought to secure the independence of our nation ...

... to our "Greatest Generation," whose service during World War Two embodies the character and resolve that make our country exceptional ...

... to the men and women who continue to risk everything to preserve the freedom we celebrate today

... your nation is forever indebted.

As a token of my appreciation – and that of the entire State – I will now present a proclamation honoring the members of Arizona's "Greatest Generation."

And I would like to invite David, Jerry and Tom to accept this recognition – and my heartfelt gratitude.

Again, thank you all for being here ... and for allowing me to be here...

It has been an incredible honor to serve you these past six years as Governor. But it has been a greater honor to meet so many of our veterans, and thank them for their service and sacrifice.

Your extraordinary courage and patriotism ... your love for America ... and your commitment to freedom is something that will stay with me for the rest of my life.

May God always watch over you – as you so righteously do for your fellow Americans – in your noble mission.

God bless our veterans and their families ...

God bless Arizona ...

And may God always bless and protect the United States of America! Thank you!